

**Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI)**  
**VRATE Workgroup Meeting Minutes**  
August 4, 2021

**Members Present**

Bea Shapiro, Chair  
Bob Kresmer  
Karla Rivas-Parker  
Sue LeHew  
Dr. Carlos Grandela

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Lindsey Powers

**Guests Present**

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**Call to Order and Introductions**

Bea Shapiro, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm, Phoenix, AZ. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

**Approval of June 9, 2021 VRATE Workgroup Meeting Minutes**

Bea Shapiro motioned to table the agenda item and approve the July 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Bob Kresmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**VRATE Presentation Discussion**

Bea Shapiro stated that Sue LeHew made some modifications to Dr. Carlos Grandela's PowerPoint presentation and inquired whether he was able to review her suggested changes. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated he was unable to open the document via Google documents and had to request permission to access the document. Bea Shapiro requested Lindsey Powers resend Sue LeHew's PowerPoint presentation to Dr. Carlos Grandela and inquired whether the workgroup should reschedule to discuss the presentation. Bob Kresmer motioned the workgroup reschedule when members had time to review the presentation. Karla Rivas-Parker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Bea Shapiro stated the workgroup would reschedule the meeting and allow Dr. Carlos Grandela time

to review the presentation. Ms. Shapiro noted the presentations at the Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE) were to be pre-recorded, and she would inquire whether the second presentation needed to be recorded or whether the committee would have the opportunity to answer questions.

Dr. Carlos Grandela stated he developed a draft of the second presentation and had shared that with the workgroup. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated the Ophthalmology Association of Arizona indicated they would be willing to market the presentation once the credits had been approved. Dr. Carlos Grandela inquired whether the second presentation should include discussion of visual field testing as part of the discussion of visual acuity results. The workgroup agreed that would be beneficial information. Dr. Carlos Grandela inquired whether the presentation should also include information regarding the roles of different vision rehabilitation professionals. Bea Shapiro agreed and noted that Karla Rivas-Parker could provide information regarding different professional roles. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated he would include that information to the presentation and would share that with the workgroup. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated that he would pursue medical credits through JCAHPO, unless the workgroup had any objections. Bea Shapiro stated that would be appropriate. Sue LeHew stated the workgroup also needed to follow up regarding the CRC credits. Bea Shapiro stated she would follow up with Christine Tuttle regarding how the committee could offer CRC credits, although the committee would not likely be able to offer additional credits. Karla Rivas-Parker stated she inquired whether individuals attending the presentation could obtain credits through AER, and the organization indicated that because Dr. Carlos Grandela was providing the same presentation at the AER Conference, they could not sponsor the VRATE presentation. Sue LeHew stated the presentation would be similar but would not be the same, and that it would be beneficial for more individuals to participate in the presentations. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated that he was unable to attend the AER Conference, due to a schedule conflict. Bea Shapiro stated the workgroup could discuss the matter further during Friday's workgroup meeting.

### **Agenda and Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the VRATE Workgroup was scheduled for August 6, 2021. Agenda items are as follows:

- VRATE Presentation Discussion

### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Public Comment**

A call to the public was made with no response's forthcoming.

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Bob Kresmer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Carlos Grandela seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.